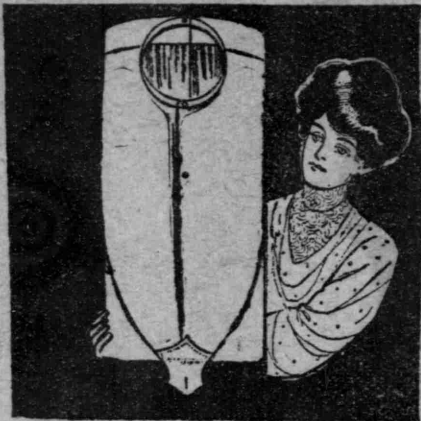


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A gaffer belonging to the royal artillery was constantly checked for carelessness when on sentry in not paying proper compliments to his superior officers. One day, however, he intended to do his duty and commenced in this manner:

A young subaltern was passing his post. The sentry abruptly halted, shouldered and gave the "present." The young officer was well pleased, but nevertheless remarked:

"Sentry, I'm not entitled to this compliment."

"I know you are not," replied the sentry, "but I thought you were good enough to practice on."—London Tatler.

**Mistakes in Use of Words.**

If use can make authority in the employment of words it is high time that certain etymologically misused phrases of our English tongue should be adopted into the family of orthodoxy. The word "necessity" is habitually used as the equivalent of "necessary," instead of being its direct opposite. A man says: "I do not care for the luxuries of life if I have the necessities," when probably he has the "necessities" in calamitous abundance. Quite as common a blunder is the confusion between the words "expect" and "suspect." A man says: "There is a knock at the door. I 'expect' that is the tax collector." He should say, "I have been expecting the tax collector and suspect that is he."—Boston Transcript.

**England in the Sixteenth Century.**

In the "Northumberland Household Book," published in 1512, it was stated that a thousand pounds was the sum annually expended for the food of members of the noble family concerned and that of their retainers. The amount maintained 100 persons, and wheat then cost 5s. 8d. per quarter. The household rose at 6 in the morning. My lord and my lady had set on the table for breakfast at 7 o'clock in the morning a quart of beer, a quart of wine, two pieces of salt fish, half a dozen red herrings, four white ones and a dish of sprats. They dined at 10, supped at 4 in the afternoon, the gates were all shut at 9, and no further ingress or egress permitted.

**Teaching the Young Idea.**

"Freddy, I understand that you sold your electric top to the Jones boy."

"Yes, pa."

"And the top was broken."

"Yes, sir."

"How much did you ask for it?"

"Fifty cents."

"And the top was absolutely worthless?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you think any one will respect you if you do tricks like that?"

"I dunno."

"Suppose I had a watch without any works and I sold it to a man for \$100. Would you have any respect for me?"

"Huh! I'd have less respect for the fellow who bought the watch!"—Brooklyn Life.

**Boomerang Skill.**

Imagine hurling a bent stick away from you with all your strength and having it return to the very spot where you are standing. That is what a skilled boomerang thrower can do. More than this, he may throw the stick so that it will actually fall far behind him although hurled directly in front. The skill of the little brown bushmen, of which we have read so much, is not exaggerated in the least, for the boomerang wielded by an expert is a thing of magic. It will soar through the air like a bird—now high up, now just skimming the surface of the ground, turning in circles, finally falling just where it has been aimed to fall.—St. Nicholas.

**Definite Location.**

Every visitor to the capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., who gets as far as the registration room is expected to write his name in a big book, together with his birthplace and present residence, says the Troy Times. Not long ago, when a crowd of excursionists visited the grounds and buildings, a stout girl started to register.

She paused, pen poised in air, and called out to an elderly lady comfortably seated in a big chair, "Mon, vere vas I borned at?"

"At you want to know dat for?"

"Dis man wants to put it in der big book."

"Ach," answered the mother, "you know vell enough—in der old stone house."

**Miles and Knots.**

The United States naval hydrographic office publishes the following information regarding the nautical mile and the statute mile: In the United States the sea or nautical mile or knot, used for the measurement of distances in ocean navigation, has a length of 6,080.27 feet; in France, Germany and Austria the nautical or sea mile has a length of 6,076.23 feet; in England the nautical mile, corresponding to the admiralty knot, is 6,080 feet. The geographic mile, which is the length of one minute of longitude of the equator of the terrestrial spheroid, is 6,087.5 feet long. The statute mile, used principally in measurements on land, is 5,280 feet.

**Wanted It White.**

Booker T. Washington on a tour of New England formed a habit of eating Washington pie. Washington pie is a two layer cake with a custard filling and covered with white icing. It is served in pie shaped pieces. Stopping at a country hotel, Mr. Washington called for this delicacy. The waiter brought him something that resembled it, but the icing was chocolate instead of white. Mr. Washington looked it over, then turned to the waiter and said: "You've made a mistake. I wanted George, not Booker."—Exchange.

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**STOCK, CROP AND FARM NOTES.**

—C. Lem Giffatt, of Scott, sold a dressed turkey in Georgetown Thursday for \$6.00. It weighed 24 pounds.

—Mr. Nat C. Rogers sold to Mr. Redmon Talbot 55 acres of land on Cane Ridge at \$110 per acre.

—A hive which contains 10,000 bees in February, has in March 15,000 in April 40,000 and in May from 60,000 to 80,000.

—Garden Field, of Woodford county, bought a pair of four year old mules from Gentry & Thompson, of Lexington, for \$500.

—Mr. Hugh Atkinson, of Mt. Sterling Ky., is president of the American Hampshire Swine Association, and is becoming interested in saddle horses. Mr. Atkinson is a son in law of Bourbon having married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tarr.

—G. F. Crouch has sold his farm near Little Rock, Bourbon county, to Morris and Charles Leggett, for eighty-five dollars per acre.

—G. N. Petit, of Scott, sold his farm of 217 acres, four and a half miles from Lexington, on the Georgetown pike, to Charles F. Winslow for \$45,000.

—Germany forbids the use of boric acid in curing meats, and requires that all meats pickled in salt or brine must contain at least 6 per cent salt in its innermost part.

—Farmers in Flat Rock neighborhood are making large deliveries of tobacco. Thomas & Reid delivered this week to W. A. Thomason & Company, of North Middletown, 6,500 pounds of tobacco at 12 1/2 cents per pound. Dillon & Burris delivered to William McCray 10,000 pounds at 14 cents per pound and S. T. Sled to the same party at 12 1/2 cents per pound.

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**No Cheap Resorts Near Paris.**

It is a remarkable thing, but in the near neighborhood of Paris there are but very few places where one can go and spend a cheap holiday, and take one's family. For one thing, milk is always difficult to get in the nearest town or the ground is cultivated. Pasture land is rare in France, and milk is dear. The same with the fruit and vegetables—they all go away to the towns. Apropos of this, there is a butcher in Barbizon who enjoys a unique position. He is the only one within five or six miles, and if you grumble at him, he says, "The tramway leaves in two hours; see if you can get better in the next town—or try the forest, if my meat doesn't please you!"

**Russell Sage's Great Luck.**

When Norcross blew himself up in Russell Sage's office, Jay Gould jumped into a carriage with a gentleman, who told this to the New York Press, and rushed to Mr. Sage's residence to congratulate him on his lucky escape from death. Uncle Russell met the carriage at the curb and, as Mr. Gould shook his hand and spoke of his good fortune, Mr. Sage coolly remarked: "Yes, I was pretty lucky; I had on these old clothes instead of my new suit." The clothes were a sight to be imagined.

**The Day of Petty Tyranny.**

Early methodist preachers had reason to deplore the power of the all-nightly landlord, Charles Wesley himself suffered. For he was summoned and fined £10 (\$50) and heavy costs—not for firing ricks or uprooting hedges, but for walking across a field to address an audience. Here is the record: "Goter versus Wesley; damages, £10; costs taxed, £9 16s 8d. July 29th, 1739. Received of Mr. Wesley, 19 pounds, 16 shillings and eight pence for damages and costs in their cause.—William Gaston, attorney for the plaintiff."

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